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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of:

Yusuke YAMADA, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/076,455

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For: TONER SUPPLY CONTAINER AND
IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

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PETITION TO WITHDRAW APPLICATION FROM ISSUE
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2)

Sir:

The issue fee having been paid on March 3, 2004, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.313(c)(2), Applicants respectfully petition the Commissioner to withdraw the above-referenced application from issue for consideration of the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) attached hereto that requests entry, as a submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114, of an Amendment also attached hereto, which has not been considered by the Examiner.

EXPEDITED HANDLING REQUESTED

Applicants' undersigned attorney checked the Patent Application Information Retrieval database on even date and found that a patent number and an issue date for the present application have not been assigned to the application. Expedited handling of this Petition is respectfully requested to ensure that the application will be withdrawn from issue in a timely manner.

AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE FEE(S)

Attached is a check in the amount of \$130.00 for the Petition fee.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees necessitated by these papers to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate of this paper is attached for this purpose.

REQUEST FOR INTERVIEW

If any questions arise regarding this Petition and/or the attached Amendment, Applicants respectfully request that the Office of Petitions contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at (202) 530-1010.

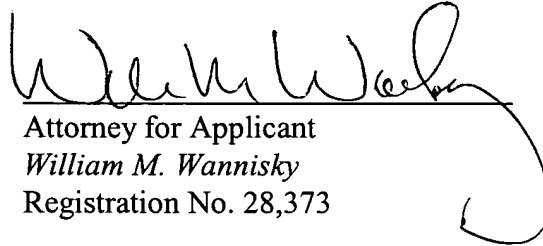
CONCLUSION

It is requested that the application be withdrawn from issue for consideration of the attached RCE, the Amendment, and the Information Disclosure Statement.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our New York office at the address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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